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TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 7 and 9:30 a.m. on 18 October 1951, there was no flying at Altenburg airfield. Large aircraft were parked in a row in the eastern section of the field. A radio mast about 12 meters high and braced on four sides was observed in the extension of the runway. * An overhead line extended from the antenna mast toward the south.

2. On 2 November, 26 twin-engine transports were parked in two rows in front of the hangars. The shining upper sections of rudder assemblies of four jet planes were observed in front of the hangars. The lower section of the aircraft could not be seen because they were parked in a depressed area. Between 8 and 11 a.m. there was no flying. The weather was bad. No Soviet soldiers were observed at the field. Only the barracks installations and aircraft were guarded. **

* Comment. The radio station is the inner landing beacon which was previously reported.

** Comment. Altenburg airfield is still occupied by an air transport regiment equipped with IL-2s. The jet aircraft observed probably made intermediate landings at the field.

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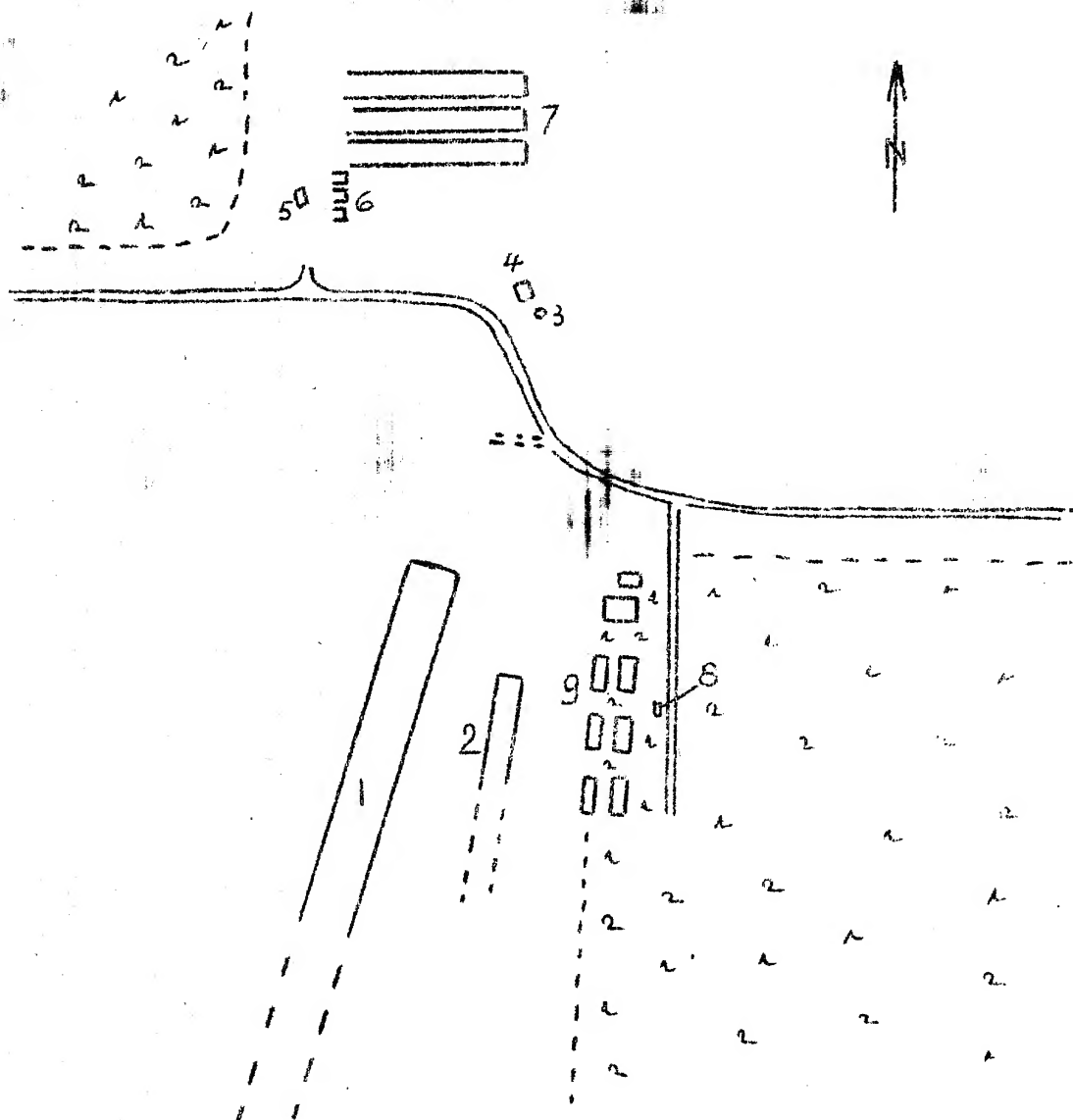
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Northern Section of Altenburg Airfield



Legend:

- 1 Runway
- 2 Taxiway
- 3 Radio mast about 12 meters high and braced on four sides
- 4 Mess hall shelter for sentries
- 5 Corrugated sheet metal hut
- 6 Three target ranges, each 30 to 35 meters long
- 7 Three target ranges, each about 150 meters long
- 8 Road block with sentry
- 9 quarters

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